

HOUSE No. 2774

By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, petition of Peter J. Koutoujian and others relative to improving the insurance partnership program. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT IMPROVING THE INSURANCE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Subsection (1) of section 9C of chapter 118E of
2 the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is
3 hereby amended by striking out the phrase “200 percent of the
4 federal poverty level” as it appears in lines 20, 27 and 35 and
5 inserting in place thereof the following:—
6 300 percent of the federal poverty level.

1 SECTION 2. Section 9C of said chapter 118E of the General
2 Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking para-
3 graph (4) and replacing it with the following new paragraph:—
4 (4) The amount of payments for each employer under para-
5 graph (C) of subsection (2) shall be as follows: (i) \$600 for each
6 eligible employee for whom the eligible employer pays 50 percent
7 or more of the cost of qualified medical insurance; (ii) \$1,200 for
8 each eligible employee for whom the eligible employer pays 50
9 percent or more of the cost of qualified two-person family medical
10 insurance, and (iii) \$1,500 for each eligible employee for whom

11 the eligible employer pays 50 percent or more of the cost of quali-
12 fied family medical insurance, provided that the division may use
13 reasonable data sources in determining the number of eligible
14 employees of an eligible employer qualifying for such payments
15 under clauses (i), (ii), and (iii).

1 SECTION 3. Said section 9C of said chapter 118E of the
2 General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by
3 striking paragraph (5) and replacing it with the following new
4 paragraph:—

5 (5) The amount of payments for each self-employed single indi-
6 vidual or each self-employed husband and wife under paragraph
7 (B) of subsection (2) may include the following amounts: (i) \$600
8 for an eligible self-employed single individual if the individual
9 purchases qualified medical insurance; (ii) \$1,200 for an eligible
10 self-employed single individual with a dependent child or for an
11 eligible self-employed husband and wife filing a joint tax return
12 and who have no dependent children, if the individual or husband
13 and wife purchase qualified two-person family medical insurance,
14 or (iii) \$1,500 for an eligible self-employed individual with two or
15 more dependent children, or an eligible self-employed husband
16 and wife filing a joint tax return and who have dependent chil-
17 dren, if the individual or husband and wife purchase qualified
18 family medical insurance, provided that the payment shall not
19 exceed the amount of the net premium cost to said self-employed
20 persons of said insurance, and shall be in conformity with the reg-
21 ulations of the division.